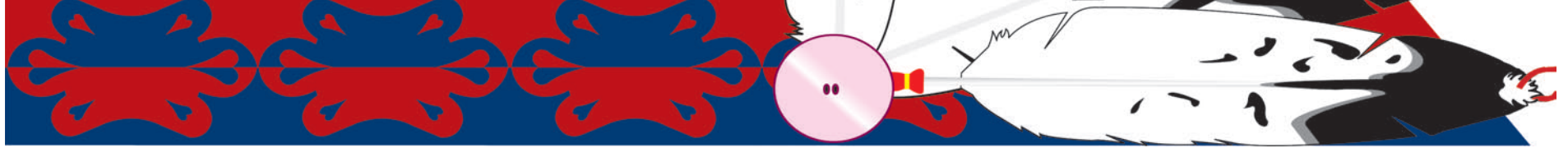


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## 68' Menominee eastern white pine to grace ship *WELCOME* as mast

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In 1982 Maritime Heritage Alliance of Traverse City, Michigan was formed. The group of 300-400 volunteers include some boat builders, sailors, historians, fundraisers and other dedicated individuals interested in nurturing maritime education in young people and restoring and preserving the tall ships of the Great Lakes.

In 1992, Maritime Heritage Alliance took on a formidable task when it assumed ownership of the 1775 British sloop replica *Welcome*. The ship was badly deteriorated and was in desperate need to be refurbished. Over the past ten years restoration of *Welcome* has occurred. The culminating piece to the restoration was a search for a tall straight white pine to serve as its' mast. This search has spanned several years.

It was learned, through the Michigan DNR foresters, the Menominee Indian Reservation has a vast growth of trees and Maritime Heritage Alliance made a few phone calls to see if finding a tall straight white pine would be feasible? It should be no surprise when Maritime Heritage Alliance representative, James W. Rowlet stated, "This area (the Menominee forest) is not unknown to foresters." On June 09, 2004 a visit was made to the Menominee Reservation and the



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June 23, 2004 a 68 foot stately eastern white pine was cut to be used as the sails mast for the restored 1775 British sloop replica *WELCOME*.

white pine was found in the area Jeff Dixon and his crew of Jay Tourtillott and Art Herman Fish were cutting. Dixon and his crew donated their expertise and machinery to fell the tree and bring the pine from the forest.

The Menominee Indian Tribe donated the tree to Maritime Heritage Alliance. A bronze plaque acknowledging the Menominee Indian Tribe and the crest of the Menominee Indian Tribe will be on permanent

display on the mast. An additional goodwill gesture will be to present a flag of the Menominee Indian Tribe to Maritime Heritage Alliance to fly on *Welcome*.

Assisting Maritime Heritage Alliance and the Menominee Indian Tribe was Bill Schmidt, Marketing Specialist of Menominee Tribal Enterprises. When it was learned a funeral was scheduled to drive by, Mr. Schmidt delayed the ceremony in respect of the funeral. Drumming for

the funeral at St. Anthony's could be heard at the Neopit Pavilion where the tree blessing ceremony took place on Wednesday, July 07, 2004.

Rich Brauer, President of Maritime Heritage Alliance and other Maritime Heritage Alliance representatives visited the Menominee Indian Reservation to give thanks and participate in the blessing of the log, given by Joey Awonohopay.

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## MTE makes 2nd payment to MITW



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(l-r) Menominee Tribal Chairperson, Joan Delabreau accepts the check issued by Menominee Tribal Enterprises in the amount of \$198,700.00 from Menominee Tribal Enterprises Board of Director Chairman, Joseph A. Besaw on Friday, June 25, 2004.

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